THE HINDU RELIGIOUS ENDOWMENT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—It was found that, in the working of Section 4 of the Hindu Religious Endowment Regulation, III of 1079, the provisions therein contained were defective, inasmuch as they may be interpreted that "provision is therein made for the imposition of fine for disobeying an order of the Dewan but not for disobedience of an order of the officer deputed under para 2 of the Section or for wilful and contumacious refusal to accept notices under the Section." I therefore beg to apply for leave to introduce an amending Bill to cure this defect.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE FACTORIES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—A Factories Bill was introduced in the Council by Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon on the 1st June 1908, and it was referred to a Select Committee whose report also was considered by the Council. It was more or less based on the Factories law (Act XV of 1881) then in force in British India. But recently the law there was re-enacted as Act XII of 1911. Considering that the present Act in British India has been enacted after correcting several of the defects of the older Act, it is thought advisable that the present Act be taken as a model for the proposed law in this country. Accordingly I beg permission to withdraw the old Bill introduced by Mr. Sankara Menon and introduce a fresh Factories Bill. This new Bill has been published in the Gazette and copies thereof have been circulated among the Members. I beg to move that the principle of this Bill, which is identical with that of the old Bill, may be affirmed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row then proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Mr. Padmanabha Iyer, Mr. Kesava Pillai, Mr. Cameron and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to introduce an amending Bill to the Criminal Procedure Code, Regulation V of 1067, as amended by Regulations II and III of 1074, Regulation IV of 1082, and Regulation VII of 1085. The Bill has been already published in the Gazette. To the provisions published, I propose, with the permission of the Council, to add one more amendment. It relates to the qualified protection proposed to be given to the Members of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for what they say in the Assembly as such Members, by the insertion of a new clause in Section 173 of the Code, under which the previous sanction or order of the Government shall be required for the prosecution of a Member, in respect of his representations at the Assembly.

I beg to move that the principle of the whole Bill be affirmed.

Copies of the additional amendment were then circulated among the Members. After some discussion, the motion was put and agreed to.

The Council having affirmed the principle of the Bill, Mr. Ananda Row proposed that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Mr. Vieyra Mr. Kesava Pillai and the Mover, to report within two months.

Seconded by Mr. Krishnan Nair.

Carried.

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